

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE, WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR SHIPLEY

VICE-MAYOR PRIVETT

COMMISSIONER ADAMS

COMMISSIONER HARMON

COMMISSIONER SKILES

CITY MANAGER STULCE

CITY ATTORNEY ELLIOTT

CITY RECORDER BURRIS

The minutes of the meeting held October 15, 2009 were approved as presented.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

Robert Cothran, 10175 Dallas Hollow Road, gave a brief report on the Pumpkin Festival held on October 17th. He said it was a success in spite of the cold weather and the City's fireworks display was phenomenal. He reported that \$1,000 of the funds raised will be donated to the Fire Department's Christmas toy drive. He thanked the City for all the help provided to make the event a success.

Max Orr, 11235 Dayton Pike, registered a complaint of a continual visible garbage "dump" on Dayton Pike coming from five duplex units. He said the garbage is put out well before the scheduled pick up day with some in bags torn and strewn all along the roadway. He said anything the City could do to get this cleaned up would certainly be appreciated. Commissioner Skiles agreed that this has been a problem for some time. He said it is there every day. Mayor Shipley agreed saying it had been addressed previously with some improvement and then the problem would resume. Commissioner Adams noted it was rental property with constant turnover and that the owner was contacted previously. City Manager Stulce recommended that the City Attorney look at sanitation ordinances and containment for concentrated rental property. City Attorney Elliott say he would look into this.

Representative Jim Cobb, House District 31, came before the Board with an update of issues that were recently brought to his attention. He read a letter from County Mayor Ramsey to TDOT Commissioner Nicely concerning a study completed on the proposed toll bridge for this area. In the letter Mayor Ramsey invited Mr. Nicely to meet with him and other officials about the results of the study. He gave the date of the meeting as being December 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room #106. He asked for those in support of the bridge to contact their legislators and bridge committee members urging them to endorse the project. The second item he addressed was the State Resolution passed establishing the North Hamilton Rhea County Creek Management Task Force to address flooding and land use issues. He reported that the Committee's next meeting is scheduled for November 12th at 1:30 p.m. at the Sale Creek Fire Hall. He suggested that the

Committee not approach the problem with the thought “I want to get my creek first”, but to agree on the priority to fix those that would have the biggest threat to life and property. Lastly he reported that the golf cart bill would pass this coming legislative session and the reason it didn’t the last session is because the bill did not get to the Senate in time. He noted that the City is one of eight in the pilot project with the program to last for one year. The City will be required to keep records of accidents, violations, etc. for the Transportation Committee to review for continuation or termination of the program.

City Manager Stulce said he was in receipt of a letter from Jeremy Sims with Volkert and Associates, an engineering firm working on the Little Soddy Creek project. He said the essence of the letter is that the firms’ management has to approve their proposal before submitting it to the City which should be finalized by the end of the following week.

City Manager Stulce distributed copies of an engineering report for the proposed police department building that will house an evidence facility, detective office and storage. He said this was not a finalized set of plans but a conceptional drawing. He recommended no action be taken on this submittal to review other options.

City Manager Stulce reported that the City was in a transition period with three employees that have recently retired. He noted that the court clerk was one of these positions. He said the court cases have increased tremendously and that he had met with Judge Norton and Chief Hamrick on ways to streamline the system. He said there is an overflow from the courtroom that have caused issues. He said due to this and the security standpoint, he would recommend the hiring of four part-time court officers to work court and assist with prisoners. He added that the individuals would be retired officers with years of service and expertise in operating a court. Commissioner Adams asked for the estimated number of part-time hours. City Manager Stulce said it would vary and that there would be a minimum of two officers per court with them also assisting in the transportation of prisoners. With this addition, it would make more patrol officers available on the streets and hold down overtime cost. Vice-Mayor Privett stated that the City was under a hiring freeze of which he made the motion to implement. He then made a motion to lift the hiring freeze, the promotion and the demotion freeze to give the City Manager the leeway to run the City. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Skiles and the motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Skiles stated that the police department overtime report shows two officers receiving 16 overtime hours for transporting prisoners to and from court, noting these officers are the first in court and the last to leave.

City Manager Stulce said in a previous meeting the Board approved the demolition of a condemned house on Igou Ferry Road. This work is now complete with the cost being \$2,500 which was not a budgeted item. He requested that payment be made from the reserve for authorized expense line item in the budget. City

Attorney Elliott said a lien should be placed on the property for the City's incurred cost. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Privett to approve this request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Skiles and the ayes were unanimous.

Commissioner Adams said that Water Quality Control addresses all area water in ditches, creeks, streams, lakes, etc. He said it is a detailed program that was recently audited locally. This audit resulted in a satisfactory rating which is the highest given. He said under today's program, things that have happened in the Plantation Subdivision would not happen. He stated if a development is underway, that the amount of water that the development disburses cannot be greater than that before and that plans have to be approved by TDEC. This program has been in effect since January 2008.

Commissioner Skiles commended the public works department for recent work completed. Vice-Mayor Privett agreed saying some work is now being done that has been needed for many years.

Vice-Mayor Privett reported that plans for the Christmas Parade are underway with a lot of interest. He said the Grand Marshal will be Miss Tennessee Stefanie Wittler. The parade will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 6th with a rain date of December 13th.

Commissioner Harmon echoed the accolades for the public works department. He also suggested using a vacuum truck after the parade to pick up candy.

Commissioner Harmon stated at the last meeting the Commission voted to pave portions of Daisy Dallas Road. He said in driving this road every day he saw certain areas that need paving, but not all. He suggested reviewing this decision. Mayor Shipley agreed.

Mayor Shipley reported that Billy Sneed had contacted him about a detention pond behind Sunset Estates that is overflowing causing damage to his property. Vice-Mayor Privett suggested that the City Manager contact the owner of the pond, saying he has always cleaned it out before when contacted.

Mayor Shipley said that the extension of Weathersby Road has been discussed several times. He asked that the City Attorney review this to proceed with the acceptance.

Mayor Shipley reported that Planning Commissioner Kyle Stottlemire had tendered his resignation and that he would appoint Rick Nunley to serve the remainder of his term.

ADJOURNMENT 7:42 P.M.

RECORDER SARA BURRIS